

## DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

**AMENDMENT DATE:** June 30, 2011  
**POSITION:** Oppose  
**SPONSOR:** California Coalition for Youth

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 119  
**AUTHOR:** A. Lowenthal

### **BILL SUMMARY:** Emergency Youth Shelter Facilities

This bill would create a licensing category for emergency youth shelter facilities. This bill would provide a definition and a description of what qualifies as an emergency youth shelter facility and would direct the Department of Social Services (DSS) to work with stakeholders to adopt regulations by January 1, 2013. This bill also would allow facilities that have been licensed and are operating as an emergency youth shelter facility to be exempt from current licensing standards until regulations are developed.

### **FISCAL SUMMARY**

This bill would result in DSS costs of \$195,000 (\$119,000 General Fund) in 2011-12 and \$330,000 (\$201,000 General Fund) in 2012-13 to support 3.5 limited-term staff to research and develop policy and regulations, draft operational procedures for field licensing staff, train licensing staff, and update field automation systems and the central licensing database. There is no budgetary mechanism to increase funding in 2011-12, and the DSS would not be able to absorb this workload without redirecting existing resources from other high priority licensing activities.

### **COMMENTS**

The Department of Finance is opposed to this bill because it would result in General Funds costs during a time of limited budget resources and appears to be unnecessary.

Federal funds are available to emergency youth shelters provided they meet state licensing requirements. This bill attempts to address the concern that emergency youth shelters are subject to burdensome group home regulations. The intent of this bill is to clarify the licensing status of emergency youth shelters and distinguish them from group homes.

This bill appears unnecessary. Currently, emergency youth shelter facilities are licensed as group homes and are granted waivers for requirements that are not applicable to the population, thus removing the burden of meeting unnecessary regulations. For example, group homes are required to maintain a youth's medical records, but a runaway youth will not have his/her medical records on hand; therefore, a shelter is exempt from this requirement. Current law meets the federal requirements to draw down federal funds for these facilities.

Analyst/Principal (0512)	Date	Assistant Program Budget Manager	Date
-----------------------------	------	----------------------------------	------

Department Deputy Director	Date
----------------------------	------

Governor's Office:	By:	Date:	Position Approved _____
			Position Disapproved _____

BILL ANALYSIS	Form DF-43 (Rev 03/95 Buff)
---------------	-----------------------------

**BILL NUMBER**

SB 119

		SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)						
Code/Department	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
Agency or Revenue	CO	PROP							Fund
Type	RV	98	FC	2011-2012	FC	2012-2013	FC	2013-2014	Code
5180/Social Svcs	SO	No	C	\$119	C	\$201		--	0001
5180/Social Svcs	SO	No	C	\$76	C	\$129		--	0890
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>								
0001	General Fund								
0890	Trust Fund, Federal								